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Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Schimek. Senator Schimek waives. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: On the bill.

SPEAKER BROMM: On the bill. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of Legislature. Let me take you back a little ways to bring you a little history on why horse racing came to the state of Nebraska. And it was done to provide, yes, some entertainment, but for charity, so that you could have horse racing and that they could do charitable things with the dollars that was And for years, many of the racetracks did that. generated. Ak-Sar-Ben, of course, for years provided emergency rescue squad units throughout the state of Nebraska. And then as the interest began to wane and also other states started offering racing, horse racing, such as Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, it really dropped off, and again, because it was not a destination for people in other states to come into Nebraska. And then pretty soon the institution that was established to provide charity to other areas became the charity. And really across the nation, those racetracks that have brought in a lot casinos, or brought slot machines, or whatever, into their establishment, many of them are saying, how long are we going to keep the horse racing alive, because it hasn't generated the revenue to sustain itself. Yes, we have some breeders in Nebraska and, yes, we have enough agricultural crops to support horses, as well as we do hogs, as well as we do cows and steers and livestock. But to introduce gambling into the racetracks, I just don't see that that's an economic endeavor that we should enter into. I would urge that we not vote for the Schrock amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Members, there are a number of lights on. I think at this time it would be appropriate if we move to the Select File clean bills, which are going to be LB 107, LB 114, LB 257, LB 331, LB 52, LB 365, and LB 443. And then we'll do the legislative resolution. And then